



# Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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## CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 6.1  
**Soil moisture supplies:** 6% very short, 36% short, 53% adequate and 5% surplus

**Field Crops Report**  
The unusual high temperatures have advanced the ripening process for many of the spring planted crops. Corn harvest was going well at 20% harvested, 14 points ahead of the five year average. Rice harvest was underway and yields appeared to be good. Drier conditions in some areas, towards the end of the week, greatly aided the rice harvest. A few producers applied fungicides to soybeans this week and some soybean fields were sprayed for armyworms and stinkbugs. Farmers noticed an increase in sugarcane borer pressure this week. Sugarcane farmers were busy preparing fields for planting.

**Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops**  
Vegetable producers harvested greenhouse and field tomatoes, melons, eggplants and cucumbers. Tomato fields were sprayed to control insects and diseases. Producers prepared land for fall planting of crops including squash, fall bell peppers and cabbage. Citrus producers scouted for insects.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report**  
Hay production was in full swing with the recent hot dry conditions. Some pastures had to be sprayed for armyworms. In northeast Louisiana, some producers were already feeding hay and there was concern about having enough hay. Some crawfish farmers continued to plant forage rice in preparation for the upcoming season.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2009	5 YR AVG
Corn	Mature	94	47	59	76
	Harvested	20	10	6	6
Cotton	Squaring	99	99	100	100
	Setting Bolls	93	83	94	94
	Bolls Opening	6	1	2	2
Hay	Second cutting	79	71	54	64
Peaches	Harvested	87	76	90	94
Rice	Headed	95	85	85	86
	Ripe	26	13	24	30
	Harvested	5	1	5	9
Sorghum	Coloring	93	83	85	76
Soybeans	Blooming	96	91	92	94
	Setting Pods	85	75	80	84
	Turning Color	19	9	13	14
	Dropping Leaves	2	0	0	0
Sugarcane	Planted	3	0	2	0

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	7	15	34	41	3
Cotton	1	14	26	54	5
Rice	0	2	19	47	32
Sorghum	0	1	32	60	7
Soybeans	1	11	33	48	7
Sugarcane	0	9	25	41	25
Sweet Potatoes	0	1	24	69	6
Livestock	3	6	37	47	7
Vegetables	6	20	43	29	2
Pasture	2	14	38	38	8

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 07/26/10 TO 08/01/10

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	TEMPERATURE MIN	AVE	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	99	74	84	83	0.57	1.81	17.68	31.86
Minden	100	72	84	82	1.82	2.97	21.63	34.51
Mooringsport	101	74	85	MM	1.41	4.83	25.83	28.17
Extreme/Average	101	72	84	83	1.27	3.20	21.71	32.56
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	99	72	85	83	1.45	3.30	17.20	34.81
Homer/Hill Farm	99	70	82	82	1.45	1.80	23.58	34.50
ULM-Monroe	99	74	84	83	1.99	5.11	24.85	36.56
Columbia Lock	98	73	84	MM	1.23	2.60	18.27	37.83
Extreme/Average	99	70	84	83	1.53	3.20	20.98	35.53
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	98	73	85	83	0.25	3.34	18.47	37.78
LSU-St Joseph	99	73	84	83	0.78	3.00	21.23	36.15
LSU-Winnsboro	(102)	73	85	83	0.79	2.13	17.43	35.83
Tallulah	97	72	83	82	1.03	3.82	22.48	37.48
Extreme/Average	102	72	84	83	0.71	3.07	19.90	36.76
4. West-Central								
Leesville	101	71	84	82	2.58	4.95	21.05	34.92
LSU-Rosepine	98	72	84	82	0.69	3.68	25.97	35.50
Natchitoches	101	77	88	84	0.52	0.72	17.64	33.78
Extreme/Average	101	71	85	83	1.26	3.12	21.05	34.42
5. Central								
Alexandria	101	74	86	84	1.51	3.85	28.00	36.26
Brusly	MMM	MM	MM	82	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	38.72
Bunkie	100	73	85	83	0.05	3.11	29.97	37.92
LSU-Alexandria	101	73	85	82	0.66	3.07	26.14	35.01
Extreme/Average	101	73	85	83	0.74	3.34	28.04	36.87
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	98	69	83	MM	1.87	6.74	32.20	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	96	72	84	82	0.35	2.95	26.93	37.80
Amite	100	(68)	84	81	0.79	4.57	31.38	41.47
LSU-Hammond	98	70	83	82	1.68	5.08	25.99	39.37
Slidell	96	71	84	82	0.84	5.20	38.34	38.94
Extreme/Average	100	68	84	82	1.11	4.91	30.97	40.15
7. Southwest								
DeRidder	97	70	84	83	2.21	5.14	28.61	36.64
Jennings	98	74	84	82	0.37	5.90	27.58	35.46
LSU-Crowley	99	71	84	83	0.79	5.08	27.96	36.20
Extreme/Average	99	70	84	83	1.12	5.37	28.05	36.18
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	96	71	83	82	0.75	6.55	30.05	37.47
LSU-Jeanerette	97	73	85	82	1.51	11.91	36.73	37.34
Morgan City	97	72	84	82	0.78	5.05	20.34	38.16
Extreme/Average	97	71	84	83	1.01	7.84	29.04	37.86
9. Southeast								
Galliano	96	75	86	82	1.17	4.00	33.89	39.90
Houma	98	72	85	83	1.28	5.05	31.64	38.84
Terrytown 3S	99	76	87	MM	0.19	3.54	36.17	MM.MM
Reserve	MM	MM	MM	82	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	41.06
Extreme/Average	99	72	86	83	0.88	4.20	33.90	39.11
State								
State Averages	102	68	85	83	1.06	4.18	26.46	36.73

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. to Date = Through August 01, 2010

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